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SUBJECT: FURTHER PSDI WEAKENING

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1. OCT 12 MILAN CITY COUNCIL DEBATE OF PSI MAYOR ANIASI'S PROGRAM RESULTED IN SURPRISE SWITCH BY REMAINDER OF PSDI TO ENDORSEMENT. PREVIOUSLY LOYALIST PSDI MEMBERS HAD OPPOSED FORMATION OF PCI-PSI-MUIS ET AL COALITION AND ATTACHED DEFECTION OF PSDI LEFT LED BY PILLETTERI (MILAN'S 1381).
2. LUIGI VALENTINI, SPOKESMAN FOR PSDI LOYALISTS, DID NOT EMBRACE MUIS BUT SAID ANIASI'S PROGRAM DESERVED PSDI SUPPORT.
3. DC RESPONSE WAS ONE OF ANGERED BETRAYAL ECHOED BY PRI AND PLI. PCI TOOK NEW SUCCESS WITH CUSTOMARY RESTRAINT AS DID ANIASI FOR WHOM THIS TURN ABOUT VERY GOOD NEWS.
4. MEANWHILE IN PROVINCIAL COUNCIL, PSDI LOST ANOTHER MAN TO MUIS WHEN OMAR FERMO, ONE OF TWO PSDI MEMBERS, ANNOUNCED SHIFT TO MUIS ON OCT 12. REMAINING PSDI LOYALIST, RENZO BOZZI, THEN ANNOUNCED PSDI PREPARED COOPERATE WITH PROVINCIAL MAJORITY WHERE PCI HAS PRESIDENCY OF COUNCIL.
5. IN UPCOMING MILAN WARD ELECTIONS, APPEARS THAT MUIS WILL ALIGN

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WITH PSI TAKING ANOTHER STEP TO MERGER.

6. AMONG OTHER SIGNS OF PSDI UNRAVELLING IS NEWS FROM PIACENZA OF
MUIS SECTION FORMATION THERE INCLUDING TWO PSDI CITY COUNCILMEN -
GIANCARLO VERNASCHI AND GIUSEPPE TINELLI.

7. ALL OF THIS MEANS CONTINUED WEAKENING OF PSDI LOCALLY.FINA

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